

Michigan Military Retirement Overview

MITAG-RET
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SUBJECT: State of Michigan Retired Pay

PURPOSE: To provide the state military retirement benefit to former members of the Michigan National Guard (Army or Air).

REFERENCES: Public Act 150 of 1967 (effective 30 June 1967), as amended by Public Act 280 (effective 9 October 1980), State of Michigan.

FACTS:

a. The State of Michigan authorizes a retirement for all former members of the Michigan National Guard (Army or Air) who have served a minimum of 19 years, 6 months and 1 day of active National Guard service in the State Defense Forces and Michigan National Guard.

b. Compensation will be at the rate of \$600 annually (\$50 per month) beginning at age 55 or the effective date of application, whichever is later. Active members of the Michigan National Guard may not draw it.

c. Under current state law, **the retirement benefit is not automatic**. Individuals **must** submit a written application using MING Form 600-4R dated 11 January 2001. The updated MING Form 600-4R has been sent electronically to all ARNG units/ANG MPF's and is to be reproduced locally. Federal and State Military Retirement information, applications and forms are also provided on the Department of Military & Veterans Affairs (DMVA) website at www.michigan.gov/dmva. On the home page, click on Veterans Affairs and then click on Military Retirement. The application may be submitted within 3 months of being separated from the Michigan National Guard or within 3 months of turning age 55, if no longer a member of the Michigan National Guard. **Units/Bases will provide an application form to their personnel requesting discharge from the Michigan National Guard if the soldier/airmen will qualify for the retirement benefit at time of discharge.** The application may be attached to the request for discharge or may be sent directly to MITAG-RET **NOTE:** Applicants must attach a copy of their Drivers License or Birth Certificate to the application.

d. The state retirement benefit is **not** retroactive. Those who file an application in advance of their 55th birthday and are discharged before age 55 will receive the retirement pay on their 55th birthday. Retirement pay for personnel discharged after age 55 will be effective the first day after discharge, if they file an application before separation orders are published. If a member is no longer in the Michigan National Guard and files after age 55, it will go in effect when their application is received. Once again, payments will not be retroactive.

e. State retirement pay is in addition to any retirement pay received from the Federal Government (i.e., Retired Reserve pay). The state retirement pay is not subject to state income tax from the State of Michigan; however, it is subject to taxation when filing for Federal Income Tax.

f. Survivor benefit protection is provided to spouses of Michigan National Guard service members who qualify for state retirement pay. A surviving spouse is eligible for a monthly payment of \$41.67 per month until their death. Application for this benefit must be sent to the Department of Military and Veteran Affairs, ATTN: MITAG-RET, 3423 N. Martin Luther King Boulevard, Lansing, MI 48906. Furnish a copy of the death certificate and marriage license.

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